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May – August 2010

TGIF Jazz in the Parks

Celebrating 25 Years of Friday Summer Fun!

It's the 25th anniversary of the TGIF Jazz in the Parks concert series – and we're celebrating! All summer long, in fact. And a lot of very close friends are showing up to mark the occasion with us!

TGIF's 2010 line-up of nine concerts offers a great mix of jazz, blues, salsa, and swing – all the music that our enthusiastic audiences have come to appreciate and expect

– played by some of our all-time favorite local performers. These musicians love the chance to share their music with what they all describe as “absolutely the best audiences in the region.” Bill Magee calls every March. Big Time Operator saves Friday nights in July for its declared favorite concert. Ruby even put together a topnotch group in two hours last summer to help us out in a pinch. Who else would

we possibly want here to help us celebrate such a milestone? We've got one new band this summer and one special return engagement (he's been away too long) rounding out the groups you've loved best over the years. So clean up your low-back chairs, get your dancing shoes ready, find some new picnic recipes and get ready to join the fun. We're 25 and just getting started. Turn the page for this season's schedule.

June 25 • Ruby & The Red Hots



July 2 • Ricardo Lemvo & Makina Loca



July 9 • Big Time Operator



Swing, Swing,

STAGECOACH PARK

3420 Camino de los Coches, 92009

June 25

Ruby & The Red Hots

Jazz and blues vocals

The lovely lady's 9th time at TGIF promises cool ballads, belting shots of blues, great back-up players and the warm glow this many-faceted Ruby is famed for. She was the requested performer by Carlsbad employees for the city's 50th anniversary picnic concert in 2002. No need to say more.

July 2

Ricardo Lemvo & Makina Loca

Afro-Cuban

Don't even pretend you won't dance tonight. Ricardo is irresistible, as four appearances in four years prove. The man can smile in six different languages. Kicking out Cuban jams or taking afro-pop to the bridge, Lemvo and Makina Loca manage a blend of traditions that is seamless, infectious and aimed squarely at the dance floor.

July 9

Big Time Operator

Big band swing

Back for their 12th gig: these 10 guys are so popular that the last time they weren't booked at TGIF, Colleen nearly got ticketed by an irate Carlsbad cop. Mike Holguin (and maybe young Junior) on drums, Carlsbad's own Gunnar Biggs on bass and Loveable Lovell (Warren, that is) channeling the great crooners.

POINSETTIA PARK

6600 Hidden Valley Road, 92011

July 16

Louie Cruz Beltran

Latin

Our only brand-new act this summer, Beltran's sample cd was so sizzling, the whole staff was suddenly jammed into Peter's office listening. Ace percussionist Beltran and company meld Brazilian-style music infused with R&B, salsa, reggae, latin, rock and jazz into a happy blend of ear-pleasing sounds. His shows are known for getting audiences on their feet and keeping them there.

July 23

The Screamin' Primas

A Tribute to Louis Prima • Jump jive

This eight-piece band's TGIF debut last summer was crazy, zany and endearing all at once. The Primas KO'd the crowd with all the fun of a vintage Louis Prima Las Vegas show, tinged with Italian folk and novelty music, New Orleans dixieland, mardi gras and jump swing styles. The onstage action never stopped and neither did the dance floor roars of approval. Get ready to Hey Mambo!

July 30

Rod Piazza & The Mighty Flyers

West coast blues

What's not to love about Rod, the West Coast's best blues harmonica player, and his wife Honey, the 2008 Blues Awards pianist of the year. And with Henry on guitar and Dave on drums, this is an incredibly formidable and tight group. Their past three TGIF concerts have been truly memorable, especially when Rod ventures out into the middle of the crowd, harmonica and mike in hand. And that was Honey on last year's souvenir program cover.

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Swing

CALAVERA HILLS PARK

2997 Glasgow Drive, 92008

August 6

Bill Magee Blues Band

Southern blues

After nine TGIF performances, we all know what to expect from Bill and his hard-working band. And we want more. Bill's sound was born in Mississippi and honed in the band he formed with Jimi Hendrix (way back) and then on the road with too many blues greats to name here. You'll get a taste of them all, but in Bill's own superb style.

August 13

Sue Palmer & Her Motel

Swing Orchestra

Swing

TGIF waybackers remember San Diego's Queen of Boogie Woogie fronting the fabulous Tobacco Road at six concerts in the 90s, followed by her unforgettable (we haven't, at least) 2003 appearance with Candy Kane, and then three recent turns with Her Motel Swing Orchestra. The gal and the group are the real deal, conjuring Oklahoma roadhouse and Paris nightclub in one musical swirl.

August 20

Earl Thomas

Rockin' blues

TGIF loves a Big Finish to its summer concerts. And the 25th season deserves something extra fabulous.

Who's more fabulous than Earl? And where's he been since his 7th show here in 2003? Montreux, Vegas, London – hangin' n' singin' with Etta James, Tom Jones, BB King, and Tracy Chapman. The day after this gig, he headlines in Pikeville, Tennessee at The Earl Thomas Homecoming Bluesfest. And he'll leave us all knowing why the *London Times* calls him "the brilliant latterday Otis Redding."

Want more concert details, such as where to park and grab the shuttle buses, what you can bring and not bring (like pets and skateboards)? Then check our Web page at www.carlsbadca.gov/arts for information that will help you enjoy your summer concert experience.

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late-breaking news about
parking at Stagecoach!

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Exhibitions

This Summer in the Cannon

Tesoros Mexicanos: Mexican Treasures from Two Folk Art Collections Continues through June 27

Don't keep putting off your visit to this stunning exhibition. Local collectors Lawrence Kent, and Tom Pirazzini and Alma Foncerrada Pirazzini, have graciously allowed our Curator of Exhibitions, Karen McGuire, to showcase a selection of work from their personal collections in the Cannon Art Gallery. The result? A spectacular display of 120 works including carved wooden animals, festival masks, burnished pottery, lacquerware trays and boxes, ceramic trees-of-life, papier-mâché skeletons, corn-husk dolls, and animal banks. This is a rare opportunity to see many superb and varied works of Mexican folk art in one intimate setting.

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Portraits from the Golden Age of Jazz: Photographs by William P. Gottlieb (1917-2006)

July 11 – August 29

Opening reception: July 10 • 5-7 p.m.

Pre-reception lecture by noted
jazz journalist, Dirk Sutro • 4 p.m.

During the 1930s and 1940s, pioneering columnist and editor William Gottlieb photographed the contemporary jazz scene to illustrate his columns in publications such as *The Washington Post* and *Down Beat* magazine. The photographic negatives were stored for more than 30 years until Gottlieb's retirement in 1979, when he began printing the negatives. His widely published images of jazz greats such as Duke Ellington, Billie Holiday, Benny Goodman and Louis Armstrong have become standard icons of jazz history and have established Gottlieb as one of the most honored jazz photographers.

And to help us celebrate the 25th anniversary of the TGIF Jazz concert series, a selection of some of our favorite contemporary photos from recent TGIF Jazz in the Parks concerts will also be on display.

Opening reception sponsored by Carlsbad Friends of the Arts. Dirk Sutro's lecture sponsored by the Carlsbad Library and Arts Foundation's Robert H. Gartner Cultural Endowment Fund.

Jazz Exhibition: Related Programs

Look for a number of special jazz-related programs being presented in honor of TGIF Jazz's 25th anniversary. In August, the Library's Wednesday night film series in the Schulman will include *Great Day in Harlem*, *Lady Sings the Blues* and *The Benny Goodman Story*. Call 760-602-2026 for details. The Saturday, August 14th Family Open Studios will include a music program about jazz designed especially for young audiences. And two jazz concerts are currently being planned for presentation in the Schulman during August. Watch our Web page, carlsbadca.gov/arts for more details.

The World of Adonna Khare

September 12 – November 7

Opening reception: Sept 11, 5-7 p.m.

Sponsored by the Carlsbad Friends of the Arts and open to the public

Los Angeles artist Adonna Khare is wild about her art. Literally. Khare makes meticulous drawings of animals unnervingly possessed of almost human attitudes. You'll find monumental eight-foot tall pencil drawings on paper, exquisite tiny watercolors, and a thirty-five foot mural filled with wild and wooly creatures in this fanciful and fantastic exhibition. We'll tell you more about Khare in the next *Arts News*, but mark your calendars now. You won't want to miss this unique exhibition.



Art and Fun all Summer Long

Family Open Studios

Saturday, May 22

11 a.m. - 2 p.m. **FREE**

Courtyard of the Carlsbad City Library complex • 1775 Dove Lane, Carlsbad

Family Open Studios is a hands-on art-making event designed for all ages! When you arrive, you'll want to tour the *Tesoros Mexicanos: Mexican Treasures from Two Folk Art Collections* exhibition in the William D. Cannon Art Gallery. Then, you'll come back to the library courtyard where an artist/educator will set you up with a specially designed art project related to the exhibition. You'll be creating whimsical masks, "trees of life," and tissue paper flowers, and have the chance to watch Rancho Buena Vista High School's dance troupe perform their ballet folklórico. Finally, you get to take your completed works of art home. All materials and workspace are provided. No reservations required and stay as long as you'd like!

Family Open Studios at the Batiquitos Lagoon

Saturday, July 17, 2010

11 a.m. - 2 p.m. **FREE**

Batiquitos Lagoon Nature Center, located off of Gabbiano Lane, Carlsbad, 92009

The Cultural Arts Office is partnering with the Batiquitos Lagoon Foundation to offer a fun-filled outdoor arts and nature event. To take advantage of Batiquitos Lagoon's abundant natural beauty, an array of activities has been designed that involves both the arts and the environment. Capture the gorgeous scenery in your own plein air painting, or try your hand at making musical instruments. See a performance on the lagoon trail. Take the self-guided tour and have fun trying your hand at a scavenger hunt. And remember to head into the nature center to learn more about the lagoon world and nature's many wonders.

This event offers activities geared for all ages. All materials and workspace are provided. No reservations required and stay as long as you like! And don't forget your sunscreen.

Summer Arts Camps 2010

Usually we write that you have a few weeks left to sign up for the summer camps, but – they're all filled up already! We're very proud of this program, and your enthusiastic support helps reinforce our efforts. So "thanks." And watch for those great photos with smiling faces in the next issue.

Art At Jazz

Sure it's the 25th anniversary of the TGIF Jazz concerts, but it's also the fifth anniversary of Art At Jazz. Or maybe it's the sixth. What-ever... One thing is certain: Art At Jazz is now an integral part of the whole TGIF experience! Exciting and engaging hands-on art-making projects for youngsters are offered at the last concert at each park. All supplies are provided. 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

July 9	Stagecoach Park
July 30	Poinsettia Park
August 20	Calavera Hills Park

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Programs

Coming This Fall

The 2010 Carlsbad Music Festival

The Carlsbad Music Festival returns to the Ruby G. Schulman Auditorium in the Carlsbad City Library complex on Dove Lane on September 25-26, so mark those dates on your calendar now. New this year – the Festival will present family-oriented music activities on Saturday afternoon (September 25), as well as a Master Class with the Calder Quartet that the public can observe! Concerts and the delightful post-concert receptions for attendees and artists take place on Saturday night and Sunday afternoon.

Not new this year – more awards for the Festival! Our congratulations go to Matt McBane, the Festival's founder, and all the brilliant musicians involved: Carlsbad's cutting-edge contemporary music festival was recently named the 2010 national winner of the prestigious Chamber Music America/ASCAP Award for Adventurous Programming, besting more than 60 other festivals. The Festival also just received a

special grant from the Aaron Copland Fund for Music. And its resident musicians and composers have been raking in prominent international awards for works commissioned by the Festival, premiered here in Carlsbad and now being performed at notable music events around the country.

So don't miss out on the excitement and energy generated by this unique festival. This is contemporary, classical music at its finest – engaging and memorable. Also new this year, the Museum of Making Music is partnering with the Cultural Arts Office to help present the Festival here in Carlsbad. The Festival and its public programs are made possible in part by the Carlsbad Library and Arts Foundation's Robert H. Gartner Cultural Endowment Fund.

Festival details (times, tickets, line-ups) at www.carlsbadmusicfestival.org and in the next issue of the Arts News.

2011 Community Arts Grants

Community Arts Grants assist local arts organizations and schools in providing cultural opportunities for Carlsbad residents. For 26 years the annual grants program of the Cultural Arts Office has helped support artists in Carlsbad schools; performances and exhibitions in Carlsbad locations; and aspiring actors, painters, musicians, dancers, sculptors and writers develop and create new work for new audiences.

For 2011, the program has \$25,000 to award for projects taking place in Carlsbad. All grants are awarded on a matching basis, meaning the receivers must supply the same amount of money from other sources. Schools may request up to \$1,200 and 50% of available funds are directed toward the Arts Education category. Organizations are also eligible for funding from the remaining 50%, with no cap on requests. In 2010, 11 school projects plus the Carlsbad-Oceanside Arts League, New Village Arts theatre company, Carlsbad Community Theatre, the Museum of Making Music and the California Quartet all received grants.

Community Arts Grants schedule:

Monday, August 16

Community Arts Grants application forms available on the Arts Office Web page, www.carlsbadca.gov/arts, at city libraries or the Cultural Arts Office, or mailed upon request.

Wednesday, September 15 • 5 to 7 p.m.

Free workshop on the Community Arts Grants application process, Gowland Meeting Room, Carlsbad City Library complex, 1775 Dove Lane. New applicants are encouraged to attend and learn how to prepare a successful proposal.

Monday, October 18

Deadline for submitting applications. For additional information, e-mail or call the Community Arts Coordinator at Colleen.Finnegan@carlsbadca.gov or 760-434-2900.



Clockwise, from top left: Matt McBane, Carlsbad Music Festival. Past recipients of Community Arts Grants include New Village Arts, violin class at Jefferson Elementary, Carlsbad Community Theatre and California Quartet.

Spring Training

No, not for the baseball season, for the TGIF Jazz Opportunity drawings! Bill, Sherman, Eva, Alan, Sue, Diane... they're all starting to do their stretches, limbering up and getting those shoulders loose for those sweeping arm movements with tickets in hand. I understand that some of them are even doing "two-a-days"!

And rightfully so, because it's getting very close to "showtime" – not only for the nine bands coming to play at the TGIF Jazz concerts this summer, but for our loyal and indomitable team of volunteers led by the Carlsbad Friends of the Arts. Because as everyone who has been to a concert knows, the Friends organize and conduct the great Opportunity Drawings during

the evening's intermission. The Drawings not only offer GREAT prizes, they also help the Friends raise money – which they put right back into underwriting the costs of the concerts!! (On June 22, at the City Council meeting, in fact, they are donating \$20,000 to help support this year's concerts!!)

There's still some time if you'd like to contribute prizes to the Drawings! Just call us at 760-434-2921.

And there's still time to sign up to volunteer at the concerts. If you don't want to sell tickets in the crowd, they can find something else for you to do – there are all sorts of jobs! You can sell tee shirts, or tear tickets, or sign up new CFA members... It's great fun, and the TGIF volunteer crew is absolutely the BEST bunch of people!! Just call 760-434-2903.

Still Not a Member of the Friends?

What are you waiting for? Maybe a formal invitation? Well, to everyone who receives the Arts News but is still not a member of the Carlsbad Friend of the Arts, that letter is coming soon. And we hope it's an offer you can't refuse!

Look, we know you're interested in the arts, and we know you love Carlsbad and San Diego North County as much as we do. So when you get your letter, please read it carefully, check out the very attractive benefits listed (especially the ones related to the TGIF Jazz Opportunity Drawings!) and then – take the next step and join the Friends of the Arts. You'll get those great benefits – and a year of feeling good knowing you are helping to support the arts here in your community.

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Useful Information

The Cultural Arts Office and the Sculpture Garden are located at 2955 Elmwood, just a few steps north of the Cole Library.

Mailing address: 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad, CA 92008
Phone: 760-434-2920
Office hours:
Monday-Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The William D. Cannon Art Gallery and the Ruby G. Schulman Auditorium are located in the Carlsbad City Library complex at 1775 Dove Lane Carlsbad, CA 92011

Gallery hours:
Tuesday - Saturday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Phone: 760-602-2021

For up-to-date information about Arts Office programs, call the Arts Info Line: 760-434-2904 or check us out on the city's website: www.carlsbadca.gov/arts

Plan Ahead!

When we learned – just recently – that we would be losing half the parking spots in the La Costa Canyon High School parking lot due to a major construction project taking place there... we took a deep breath and then went looking for alternative options for our Stagecoach concert attendees. **PLEASE take note of these new parking strategies for the three concerts at Stagecoach.**

First, there are still a good number of parking spots in the high school lot. Plus, we will have a shuttle bus running from Mission Estancia Elementary School to the park, continuously from 4:30 to 9:00 p.m. Mission Estancia is located at 3330 Calle Barcelona, a half block south off of Rancho Sante Fe Road. The school parking lot and surrounding neighborhood offer plentiful parking.

In addition, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, located just north of the park at 3450 Camino de los Coches, has graciously agreed to let patrons park in their lot.

A little pre-planning will go a long way to help your concert experience, so we hope you will take a few moments to go to our Web page at www.carlsbadca.gov/arts for more details and any late-breaking news.



Even Ruby is planning to arrive early at Stagecoach to get her parking spot.